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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Year 9 Options 2021-22

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you and your child to next term's Year 9 options process. This follows on from my assembly in September, in which I outlined the process to all our students. Hopefully, with an understanding of this, it will enable you and your child to discuss option choices and possibilities.

You may be aware that this process will take place in February and March 2022, when all Year 9 students will find out which option pathway they will be taking. The two pathways will be the English baccalaureate or the traditional pathway. Please do not worry about the finer details of this as this will be explained in depth at a later date.

Essentially all students have four option choices and depending on which pathway your child is placed on will determine the choices available to them. Below are two tables that highlight the options available in these two pathways.

Full English Baccalaureate Pathway Two directed choices		Traditional Pathway One directed choice	
Option Choice EBacc One	Option Choice EBacc Two	Option Choice EBacc One	
Geography	French	Separate Science	Computer Science
History	German	History	Geography
		French	German
Option Choices Three and Four Students select <u>any two</u> subjects from the below list of option choices		Option Choices Two, Three and Four Students select <u>any three</u> subjects from the below list of option choices	
GCSEs in Separate Science, Computer Science, History, Geography, French, German, Drama, Art, Music, PE, Food, Graphics, Resistant Material, Textiles, Sociology, Business Studies, PRE, Economics and Media Studies. BTECs in Health and Social Care and IT.		GCSEs in Separate Science, Computer Science, History, Geography, French, German, Drama, Art, Music, PE, Food, Graphics, Resistant Material, Textiles, Sociology, Business Studies, PRE, Economics and Media Studies. BTECs in Health and Social Care and IT.	

Please do not be overly concerned about this, at this time as we are just giving you information so that you and your child can make informed choices in plenty of time.

Please note, we are planning on holding the KS4 Curriculum meeting after the February half term, this date will be confirmed nearer the time. In addition to this, you will receive the full options booklet with all the information you need early in the new year.

Be The Best You Can Be

We look forward to this exciting stage of your child's education and the point at which they can work towards being the best they can be.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. N. Goddard', written in a cursive style.

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